

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 14, 2022

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Lodge, Vice Chairman Guthrie, Senators Winder, Anthon, Harris, Lee,, Stennett, and Burgoyne

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator McClusky (Heider)

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairwoman Lodge** called the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:05 a.m.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT VOTE: **VOTE ON THE GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT** of Joseph Forney to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board.

MOTION: **Senator Winder** moved to send the Gubernatorial Appointment of Joseph Forney to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board to the Senate floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Burgoyne** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 29365 RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND REVENUE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE to add a new section to establish provisions for the Committee.
Senator Agenbroad, District 13, stated this legislation would put into code the Economic Outlook and Revenue Assessment Committee (Committee). Currently this Committee isn't in code although it has been an active Committee since prior to 1995. There are two reasons it is necessary to put this Committee in code: 1) so that the Committee can continue to operate, and 2) it is important to those who oversee the finances such as the rating companies. They like the current process, but they are concerned that it is not in code because it could be a detriment to the Committee's rating. **Senator Agenbroad** requested **RS 29365** be printed and stood for questions.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Guthrie** moved to send **RS 29365** to print. **Senator Anthon** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

Senator Burgoyne said he has been critical of the Committee in the past and resigned from that Committee. This RS is well drafted and it can be a good Committee by following the language of the RS. He will support the legislation.

VOTE: The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 29528 RELATING TO STATE SYMBOLS to designate the Idaho Cut as the official state cut for faceted gemstones.

Senator Den Hartog, District 22, explained that **RS 29528** is to designate a new State symbol related to faceted gemstones; a patented gemstone called the "Idaho Cut" honoring the legacy of Quincy Douglas Howell who was an Idahoan and who patented this cut.

MOTION: **Senator Anthon** moved to send **RS 29528** to print. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Approval of the Minutes of January 31,2022 and February 2,2022.

MOTION: **Senator Winder** moved to approve the minutes of January 31, 2022. **Vice Chairman Guthrie** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

MOTION: **Senator Lee** moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2022. **Senator Burgoyne** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business, **Chairman Lodge** adjourned the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Senator Lodge
Chair

Twyla Melton
Secretary